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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 9:48 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: FW: Nome, Nova Gold Projects for mining industry

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Thanks, sir!

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Sean R Parnell <sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

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> Sean
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> **From:** Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
> **Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2007 4:17 PM
> **To:** Meghan Stapleton; Sean Parnell; Tom Irwin
> **Cc:** Kristina Y Perry
> **Subject:** Re: FW: Nome, Nova Gold Projects for mining industry
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> I'll read all her info in a bit here, but right off the bat - does she know we don't fly in "the jet"?
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> Is she a reporter?

Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

FYI below.

Meghan N. Stapleton
Communications Director
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From: Karen McLane [mailto:gusskimo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2007 6:35 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin; sean_parnell@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Nome, Nova Gold Projects for mining industry

Hello to both you, Madam Governor and Lt Governor Parnell,

We didn't have much time to talk at the interview here in Nome Saturday 1515-1545 (Madam Governor, you were stuck in Anchorage waiting for a mechanical problem with the jet when the Lt Governor met with myself, Sue Steinacher, Karen Olanna, Dian Haecker, and Nancy McGuire the two latter being from the Nome Nugget, the three former being members or board members of the Bering Straits Citizens for Responsible Resource Development.

I wanted to be sure that you had a firm understanding of the issue we are having with the fast tracking of permits and being blindsided without proper public notification of applications that NovaGold and its subsidiary Alaska Gold Company are putting forth to mine for gold in our home.

First, The Rock Creek Mine: The community of Nome knew about a mine that was going to be started at the site prior to the permitting process in August of 2005, but what we did not know was that the mine would be using sodium cyanide to leach the gold ore. The public notice period was short and there was nothing said about the use of cyanide in the public notice, so naturally the residents of Nome were not concerned. Only after we found out about the use of sodium cyanide did we become greatly concerned, but by that time the public hearing process was closed. There were already members of the community who were communicating back and forth re: what was happening. These people became the Board Members of the Bering Straits Citizens for Responsible Resource Development. We, in no way, want to stop mining in Nome. Nome has a rich history of gold mining. What we seek is to have it mined in a responsible manner. If you received my CD with the powerpoint presentation and notes you will now know the other side of the coin. The industry (Nova Gold Resources) will tell our legislatures that they intend on mining responsibly, however, the mere use of sodium cyanide does not fill me with confidence that the company is in fact wanting to mine responsibly and be a steward of the environment.

The Rock Creek site is only part of the story. It is the site where the sodium cyanide using the Forrest/MacCarthur method of gold extraction will take place. Big Hurrah is the other end of this project. It is another mine site located approx 50 road miles West of Rock Creek. This site has already been contaminated with sodium cyanide left over from the operation by The Dallas Company in the late 1950s. The discovery of the leaking cyanide barrels was brought forth by Pearl Johnson, who owns a fish camp downstream

from the mine in Solomon, who contacted the AK Dept of Environmental Conservation to investigate in August of 1981. It remains a contaminated site, which Charlotte McCay of Bristol Engineering is supposed to be addressing with the situation with the ADEC's Doug Bauer. She had until March 30th, 2007 to respond. I will check the database to see if she did respond. Ore from the Big Hurrah location will be trucked back to the Rock Creek location for milling (there are separate issues with this process not addressed in the permitting of the Rock Creek site).

This has all been playing out since 2005 with BSC for RRD's litigation against the Army Corp of Engineering taking the permitting process for the Rock Creek site back to the starting block. And, as Sue stated, the permit being pulled by the Army Corp of Engineering leaving the judge no choice but to drop the case, leaving the Army Corp of Engineering the leeway to reinstate the permit, again with no public comment period.

March 2007:
Now, we have another issue to deal with and the same permitting process falling to the wayside in regards to the exploration of and eventual placer mining of Dry Creek, which runs directly behind my home, my mother's home, my brother's home and several other people's homes in Icy View where the noise and possible air, water and soil disturbances would make life very difficult for us as residents of this area. And again, the fact that Nova Gold plans on having heavy machinery running from 0600 to 2200 from June 15 to October 31st right behind the hospital facilities we have here in Nome. This will disturb the recovering patients in the hospital as well as our elders who stay at the Quyanna Care Center, a long term care facility attached to the hospital for elders and those who are disabled and unable to be taken care of adequately at home. Being a Nurse Practitioner working for my patient's well being I can honestly say that if this operation is permitted I will lose sleep during the season and times of operation. And again, no public notice was sent out to any of the newspapers, Post Office or City offices along with the application for the mining of Dry Creek.

Hope this is helpful in putting all of this information into perspective for you.

Most sincerely,

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P.S. If you check out the Dry Creek Project on Nova Gold's Website...the photo they use is at least 30 years old. There are more homes in Icy View than that photo depicts.
http://www.novagold.net/s/NomeProjects.asp

As always, I do not represent Norton Sound Health Corporation's view on these issues. I am a private resident of Nome and have been since 1970.

We won't tell. Get more on shows you hate to love
(and love to hate): Yahoo! TV's Guilty Pleasures list.

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From: Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 3:48 PM
To: Rutherford; Martha K (DNR)
Subject: Re: FW: Meeting in anch

ugh - i'll be there.
this sounds like Fagan as he does the industry bidding.
yes, this must be countered if Paul's report is accurate.

Marty Rutherford <marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Governor,
> For your information. We should talk about how to combat this at tonights discussion.
> Marty
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: "paul fuhs"
> To: "Marty Rutherford" ; patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us; joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us; "John Bitney" ; tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us
> Cc: "bill walker" ; "Jim Whitaker"
> Sent: 4/3/07 2:03 PM
> Subject: Meeting in anch
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> Yesterday the oil companies called together "business leaders" (Jim Jansen types) in anchorage, businessmen, bankers, construction, engineering, transportation etc. to complain about the administration and AGIA.
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> Their main points: administration won't meet with them and is on the wrong track, the project is more expensive and uncertain now - projects should be allowed to compete to the end, no exclusivity, let the market make the decision, is a set up to put most risk on them in rolled in rates, etc and then take back their leases when they don't play.
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> Said it was rigged to give it to mid american and then the producers would pay the cost overruns in tarrifs, they are the only ones that want a low tarrif.
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> I guess there were about 70 people there. I got it from someone who was called to go and then called to tell me about it. They called on people to call their legislators to get them to "come to their senses."
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> Exxon took a strong role in the meeting.
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> Of course it is all BS but I hought you would want to know.
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> Paul fuhs

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From: Governor Sarah Palin [governor@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 2:41 PM
To: leif@petersburgproperties.com
Subject: RE: Transportation

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you

have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and

every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person

in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 11:55 AM

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Transportation

Web mail from: Mr. Leif Stenfjord

address: PO Box 2162 Petersburg AK 99833

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Congratulation's! By reauthorizing The Marine Transportation Advisory Board, I feel you have taken the

fist step necessary to make our AMHS a viable entity, especially with your commitment that the advice of

MTAB will be considered.

Please accept this email as my notification to you that I would be homored to serve on MTAB. You can

contact me at the above mailing addresses or via telephne at 772-6000 or 518-0810 during the day. I can

also be areached at home during the evenings at 772-4498. I would love to hear from you at anytime in

this regard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Leif Stenfjord - Petersburg

leif@petersburgproperties.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin [governor@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 2:30 PM
To: naomi@kpunet.net
Subject: RE: Education

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every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person

in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 12:53 AM

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Ms. Naomi Michalsen

address: 87 Chacon Street Ketchikan AK 99901

MESSAGE:

Hello Governor Palin,

My name is Naomi Michalsen, and I live in Ketchikan. I am a mother of 5 (2 in college, 2 in high school and a 3rd grader) and I have worked at Women in Safe Homes (our local domestic violence shelter) for the last 3 years and have served as the High School girl's volleyball coach for the past 9 years. Growing up in Alaska, I have been fortunate to live and travel throughout our state and have family in every region. My maiden name is Baumgartner-I have family in McGrath, Dillingham, Barrow, Fairbanks, Anchorage and southeast. I enjoy learning other cultures and I am still learning about my own, Tlingit, Filipino, Japanese, and Swiss. Over the years with my own life challenges I have come to realize that our greatest resource is our people. I have great respect for you and the hard job that is before

you in making the best decisions for our Alaskan families.

I happened to be in Anchorage for work in January and escorted a dear friend, Bill Thomas, a Tlingit elder, to Anchorage. He told me about the Welcoming Ceremony at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. So, I attended. It was an honor to meet you and to watch you graciously speak and greet the Alaska Native representatives who traveled to meet you. I was very impressed with your family and was glad to see your extended family as well. I liked the comment about a future Alaskan Governor named "Piper". This is when I first had my idea, but it may have been more wishful thinking than anything. I never acted on my idea but instead told my husband about it when I arrived back home. It was more of a what if...Then life went on and things and my family became busy again. The idea rested.

Today I received a copy of the proclamation for April-Sexual Assault Awareness month in the mail from the State of Alaska and I just happened to be the one who was accepting a similar proclamation here in Ketchikan tonight at a Borough meeting. I knew and am friends with most everyone in the meeting but as soon as the proclamation was read, it became very silent and uncomfortable, which we know is one of the hurdles we have in order to create awareness around this social issue. Fortunately before leaving, Mayor, Joe Williams, mentioned that he saw you recently and that you were very motivated in helping with this alarming problem of sexual violence in our state. He was the first mayor to make a public comment after the reading of the proclamation since I have been involved in this field. His words did help with the uncomfortableness. And I believe it was more effective than if a woman Borough member would have said the same thing. In my past experience, sexual violence has been very difficult to talk about, especially in settings where males may be the majority (chamber meetings, law enforcement, school administrations, sporting events, firefighters/EMS, and government and tribes).

Then my idea came back to me. This is where we could start! It may sound unusual, but here are my thoughts:
Not being very up on politics I have noticed over the years that the spouse of our governor's (always a woman until now-yeah!) have taken up charitable campaigns

to help our communities. For example, Nancy Murkowski worked to create awareness about breast cancer and raised money for medical equipment to hospitals.

So my idea was to see what you and your husband thought about getting involved or having him lead an Alaskan White Ribbon Campaign (boys and men helping to end violence against women) or something similar. In my travels throughout southern southeast villages and in our Ketchikan schools, it is most always women who visit the students to talk about sexual assault and domestic violence. Most boys in school aren't fortunate enough to have a male guest speaker talking about domestic violence and sexual assault. Unfortunately, many of our Alaskans view this as a woman's issue instead of a community one. There is such a big difference when I present at a school and have a male as a co-presenter-it gives it much more balance and can help our youth see that they do have an important role as leaders of social change, especially our young men. I can only think of one young man from Juneau who currently works in this area- I know there are more- but still too few.

I too am saddened and shocked at the numbers of victims of sexual abuse in our state and I sometimes find it overwhelming in this type of work. I know that if a male were to accompany me this evening at the Borough meeting, the whole room would have had a different feel. It would have made it a little more comfortable for people to listen. It would have shown that men are vital in the elimination of violence against women in our state. I believe that most men do want to help but they just don't know how to get involved and we as women don't know how to get them involved.

My current job title is Education Specialist and I spend much of my time with youth in junior high/high schools, juvenile centers, alternative high schools, and tribal youth groups conducting in-class exercises that promote healthy relationships and gender equality.
The outreach area that WISH serves is Metlakatla, Prince of Wales, Wrangell, Petersburg and Ketchikan/Saxman. I wouldn't say that I am the best public

presenter but I stay involved because I think what I do is important. I am just learning a little about the White Ribbon Campaign and do not know the details, but I do know that we need more men involved.

I do not know you or your husband personally, but have kept up a little in the news and have been very encouraged with your energy and enthusiasm and support for each other. It is especially nice to see you both with your children in the media.

Just think: Alaska's First Man, helping to end violence against women

. Rugged Outdoorsman

. Hunter

. Ironman Champion

. Fisherman

But most importantly: Alaska's First Man, helping to end violence against women

. Positive Role Model

. Father/Family Oriented

. Strong Faith and Respect

. Gentleness

Wow, I really rattled on. Thank you so much for your time. I look forward to your feedback and I hope to get a chance to talk further and brainstorm ideas if you are interested. Feel free to reach me at work 225-9474 or on my cell phone 617 -1852.

Good luck in your endeavors.

Take care and Gunalcheesh,

Naomi Michalsen

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From: Governor Sarah Palin [governor@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 2:16 PM
To: Iceworms@gci.net
Subject: RE: Fish_and_Game

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have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and

every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person

in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 4:27 PM

To: governor@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Ms. PATRICIA Lynch

address: 13300 McCabe Circle East Anchorage AK 99516

MESSAGE:

DEAR GOVERNOR PALIN,

PLEASE CONSIDER REPLACING THE BOARD OF FISH AND GAME. THEY CONTINUE TO

MAKE POOR DECISION.

PATRICIA LYNCH

Iceworms@gci.net

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Unknown

From: Sean R Parnell [sr_parnell@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 10:40 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Barrow

I had a good trip to Barrow notwithstanding the absence of Tom and Joe.

1. On your behalf, I congratulated the Lady Whalers and Anaktuvuk Pass championship teams at a town hall where about 80-100 gathered. We all had lunch together. It was refreshing to witness Mayor Itta ask "Molly," a respected elder, to give thanks for the food and the entire crowd automatically stood as she approached the front to do so. The respect for elders in that culture is beautiful!
2. Met with ASRC executives (Bobbie, Oliver Leavitt, Richard Glen). They clearly respect Tom Irwin. Bobbie, the new CEO, especially, wants to develop a rapport and trust with you. They have a number of interests to talk about but with respect to the gas line they identified themselves with the "explorers" who want to ensure access to the gas line for other gas they own that might come later.
3. Met several times with Mayor Itta and his staff. Mayor Itta is focused on building healthy communities from the grassroots up...inspiring them to confront the addictions of drug and alcohol abuse head on and trying to return the villages to their traditional values. We also had a gas line discussion with the mayor and his staff—as a side note, Randy Hoffbeck, the new CFO for the Borough was formerly with Dept. of Revenue and Tom will know him.
4. The whales are expected within the next two to three weeks off Barrow and the Mayor and ASRC both asked for the AGIA briefing by Tom in the next two weeks. (The town empties out for the hunt.) I communicated this to Mike T. yesterday so you may have heard. From a political standpoint, they would love to see you but it is not necessary for you to be there in the next two weeks. Instead, you might consider having your staff find out when the new climate change research facility will be dedicated—it's a wonderful new building thanks to Sen. Stevens, I believe, and I was told the congressional delegation is planning to show up to its dedication. Also, somewhere in mid to late June you will likely be invited to the community celebration and feed following the whale hunt.

All the best,

Sean

MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA
Office of the Governor

TO: Governor Sarah Palin
FROM: Joe Balash

DATE: 4/3/07
TELEPHONE: 907-465-4022

SUBJECT: Briefing paper regarding Alaska Forestry Association meeting 4/4/07

Attending
Kirk Dahlstrom, Viking Lumber President of AFA
Owen Graham, Executive Director

The Alaska Forest Association is one of the oldest in the State of Alaska (it dates back to 1956) and provides members the opportunity to participate in programs such as Tongass Timber Trust (group health), Alaska Loggers Retirement (pension plan) and a public information program which promotes the facts concerning the forest products industry.

Tongass Land Management Plan
The Forest Service is scheduled to amend its forest management plan later this fall. The public comment period deadline is April 30. We have assembled a multi-agency team that is compiling a single set of State comments. Two weeks ago, that team met with AFA and the Southeast Conference to review their goals and objectives for the plan. AFA is advocating the most aggressive alternative (number 7) described in the US Forest Service's Draft EIS.

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Privileged or Personal M The biggest threat to the industry is a Tongass Plan that gets thrown out of court. For the past few years, the State has been able to provide a bridge supply of timber to keep the existing mills running on life-support. We need to get a Tongass Plan approved and in place so there can be a steady supply of timber available.

Tongass Futures Roundtable
The Tongass Futures Roundtable is a unique organization that has brought together stakeholders from across the spectrum to determine whether or not a consensus can be found on management of the Tongass. It includes the private sector, government agencies, policy advocates (pro and con), as well as some of the financiers that back the anti-logging groups. The group has made tremendous progress—but is unlikely to have reached a complete consensus before the TLMP is finalized later this year.

cc: Mike Tibbles, Chief of Staff

From: "Meghan Stapleton" <Privileged or Personal Material>
To: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Cc: <Privileged or Personal Material>
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2007 4:14 PM
Subject: elmendorf visit to wounded soldiers

so sorry that i did not think of that first - just in general, and then in response to walter reed. regular visits would be nice. you'll be able to do more like that once session ends and i'd be happy to brainstorm opportunities with you and others.